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LB 683, 988
LR 29, 330

SPEAKER WITHEM: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We're about to reconvene for this afternoon's legislative debate. Would all members please return to the Chamber and record their presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Quorum is present. Prior to beginning the afternoon's activities, I would like to announce that this week is Girl Scout Week. The Girl Scout movement in the United States celebrates its eighty-second birthday. Five Girl Scout Councils in Nebraska, as a thank you to the Legislature, have distributed the boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Those five councils are the Great Plains Girl Scout Council, the Homestead Girl Scout Council, the Goldenrod Girl Scout Council, Guiding Star Girl Scout Council, Prairie Hills Girl Scout Council. Mr. Clerk, what is the first item?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item if I may, items for the record. Enrollment and Review reports LB 988 as correctly engrossed; Senator Withem, amendments to be printed to LB 683 and a new resolution, LR 330 congratulating the Newcastle High School girls' basketball team. (See pages 1030-31 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, LR 29 on Select File. When the Legislature recessed, Senator Pirsch had pending a motion to suspend the pertinent rules and vote on the advancement of LR 29CA without further amendment or debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The matter before us then is the Pirsch motion to suspend the rules. Is there any discussion? Senator Pirsch, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, we have had hours of long debate on LR 29CA. We had hours of debate when indeed you voted to pull this constitutional amendment out of the Judiciary Committee. We had hours of long debate on General File before it was advanced to Select. We had three hours of debate the other day and indeed I did support one amendment to take out the disposition. We have had three hours this morning of debate and the amendments were defeated and I thank you for your support in that. I guess what we're looking at now is that we can suspend the rules and go without further debate or amendment or we can go on another two hours as I